



New Year Message from Mayor Dick Richards

On behalf of Council, Administration and Staff of the Town of Stettler I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. **All the Best in 2011!**

Staff Recognition

The Town of Stettler would like to congratulate the following employees for their service to the Town of Stettler: Mark Dennis (5 years), Sonia Dodd (10 years), Cherie Pochylko & Kelly Kjersteen (15 years) & Ivan Wilford (20 years). We would like to thank these employees for their dedication and commitment over the years. Town of Stettler Staff raised \$500.00 at their service awards luncheon which was donated to the Heartland Youth Center and Stettler Food Bank.



Water, Sewer & Waste Pick-Up Rates

Starting January 1, 2011 rates for in-Town water consumption will rise by \$.24 cents per m³ to \$2.01, sewer rates will increase by \$1.00 to \$15.00 per month while residential solid waste pick-up will increase by \$1.50 to \$17.00 per month.

The financial impact on a household consuming an average of 17 m³ per month of water will be an additional \$79 per year in 2011. These utility rate increases are necessary to offset related costs associated with "User Pay" municipal utilities included in the Town's 2011 Interim Operating Budget projections. The Town of Stettler does not use property tax dollars to support municipal utility operations.

The 2011 Interim Operating Budget reflects Council's intent to be fiscally responsible and accountable to its residents while sustaining the current high level of municipal utilities, and to continue to renew aging capital infrastructure on an affordable basis.

The Town is nearing completion of major upgrades to the municipal water and sanitary sewage systems. \$21 million is being invested into the Water Treatment Plant and \$3 million into the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Both upgrades will significantly increase production/treatment capacity, while addressing licensing improvements relating to quality, safety, security, odour reduction and environmental protection.

In 2011 the Stettler Water Treatment Plant will regionally supply potable water to Botha/Gadsby, the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission operating an easterly line to Castor, Coronation and Consort, and to the Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission operating a line to Alix and Mirror.

2011 Dog & Cat Licenses



The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2011 dog and cat licenses. The Town of Stettler gives a \$10.00 discount to all licenses if purchased between December 1, 2010 & January 31, 2011. The cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2011 is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$40.00 for unspayed or unneutered animals. Please make sure to always have your license on your pet when off your property. If you have any questions, contact Alberta Animal Services Toll Free at 1-866-340-2388 or the Town Office at (403) 742-8305.

Town of Stettler Business License Changes

The Town of Stettler would like to remind all business owners that if you are no longer in business or have a change in your business information to please contact the Town Office in writing or call (403) 742-8305 so your information may be updated on our database. These changes include the following:

- address (mailing and municipal)
- phone number
- business name
- owner of the business
- relocation
- any other changes you feel are important

Pre-Authorized Utility & Tax Bills

Pre-authorized payment is a simple, convenient, no-fee method of paying your monthly utility bill; your bill is always paid on time and the required amount is automatically debited from the bank account of your choice. No more cheques to write, stamps to lick or envelopes to mail. No more going to the bank and waiting in line to settle your account and no more late payments if you happen to forget. The automatic payment is made 25 days after the billing date shown on your bill and you will continue to receive a monthly bill detailing your charges. Contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305 to sign up for the Utility or Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plans.

Parks & Leisure Services

Family Day Activities – **Sunday, February 13, 2011** at West Stettler Park from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hotdogs, hot chocolate, tobogganing, sleigh rides, etc.

West Stettler Pond – THE POND IS **OFF LIMITS** – THE ICE IS **NOT SAFE** AT ANY TIME.



Heartland Youth Center's 20th Annual Bowl for Kids

The Heartland Youth Center's 20th annual Bowl for Kids fundraiser is ready to roll! This year's "Tacky Tourist" themed event takes place **Friday, February 11, 2011** from 4-8 p.m. If you and your co-workers, teammates, coffee buddies, or family would like to obtain pledges and join in the bowling fun, please call the HYC at (403) 742-5437 to register. Prizes for best Tacky Tourist outfits will be awarded! Also note - your support of donations to this event are matched by the Alberta Community Spirit program!

Public Works Notice to Residents

Residents, please remove your driveway curb ramps for the winter months. The Town will not be responsible for any damages Town equipment may cause during snow removal and street maintenance. Also to help ensure **SAFE** and **CLEAN** sidewalks during the winter months, please clean your residential and commercial sidewalks as soon as possible after every snowfall. The Town bylaw states that all snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours of accumulation. Please make sure to sand or salt your sidewalks as well to ensure the safety of all our citizens. If you have any questions, contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305. During snow removal, we ask that you please have your vehicle removed from the street. Not having to work around vehicles will ensure a quicker response time and a cleaner street. Thank you for your co-operation.



Stettler Curling Club Bonspiel Dates

The Stettler Curling Club will be hosting the following bonspiels:

Farmer & Farmerettes – January 12-16 - \$140/\$120

Men's Open – February 4-6 - \$140

Seniors – February 17 & 18 - \$120

Ladies Open – March 11-13 - \$140

Closing Mixed – March 25-27 - \$140

For further information call the Stettler Curling Club @742-3111 or Manager, Fred vonKrogh at 740-2855.



Stettler Public Library

Thursday, January 27th is **Family Literacy Day**. To celebrate adults and children reading and learning together, and to encourage Canadians to spend at least 15 minutes enjoying a learning activity as a family every day, join us in the Library for **Family Game Night** from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. We have Scrabble, Mastermind, Monopoly, Risk, Apples to Apples and much more - or bring your own game. Challenge your family, or challenge another family.

Did you know that for a minimal fee the Stettler Public Library offers a wide variety of magazines and newspapers? Save money and the environment by cutting back on magazine and newspaper subscriptions. For information contact the Stettler Public Library at (403) 742-2292.

Go Bags - Are you too busy to come in and pick your own materials? Call us at (403) 742-2292 and we will fill a bag of books according to the criteria of your choice.

Handibus- The Handibus is available for free rides to and from the library for elderly and disabled. This service is sponsored by Royal LePage Central.